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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 MIGUEL ANGEL AVILA, et al.,

14 Defendants.
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Case No. CR 24-00461-FMO-2, 3 & 5

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER AND
ORDER RE: DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS**

16 **Please read this Order carefully. It governs this case and differs in some respects**
17 **from the Local Criminal Rules.** All parties shall comply with the deadlines and requirements set
18 forth in this Order, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Local Criminal Rules of this
19 District. The last two pages of this Order set forth the court's deadlines. When applicable directly
20 or by analogy, the Local Civil Rules shall govern this case. See Local Criminal Rule 57-1.
21 Accordingly, to effectuate the speedy and orderly administration of justice, the court **orders** as
22 follows.

23 I. DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS RE: BRADY V. MARYLAND, 373 U.S. 83, 83 S.Ct. 1194
24 (1963) AND RULE 5(f) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

25 Under federal law, including Rule 5(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Brady
26 v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83, 83 S.Ct. 1194 (1963), and all applicable decisions interpreting Brady,
27 the government has a continuing obligation to produce all information or evidence known to the
28 government that is relevant to the guilt or punishment of defendant, including, but not limited to,

1 exculpatory evidence.

2 The government shall produce to defendant in a timely manner all information or evidence
3 known to the government that is either: (1) relevant to defendant's guilt or punishment; or (2)
4 favorable to defendant on the issue of guilt or punishment. Pursuant to Rule 5(f), this Order does
5 not relieve any party in this matter of any other discovery obligation. The consequences for
6 violating either this Order or the government's obligations under Brady include, but are not limited
7 to, the following sanctions: exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instruction, contempt, referral to
8 a disciplinary authority, and/or and dismissal of the charges.

9 II. DISCOVERY.

10 A. Generally.

11 These discovery procedures are set forth to expedite the transfer of discoverable material
12 between the parties and to ensure that pretrial discovery motions are filed **only** when these
13 discovery procedures have failed to timely result in the exchange of all discoverable material.
14 Notwithstanding any other rule, all applications for search warrants related to the instant
15 prosecution shall be brought before this court instead of the Magistrate Judge. No such
16 applications may be sought or filed after the discovery cutoff set forth below without leave of court.

17 Unless defendant provides notice to the government that he or she elects not to receive
18 discovery, the parties must provide discovery in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.

19 B. Government's Initial Disclosure.

20 No later than the date set forth below, the government shall:

21 1. Make available for inspection or copying all materials set forth in Fed. R. Crim.
22 P. 16(a) in its possession, custody, or control, or which may become known to the
23 government through due diligence;

24 2. Make available for inspection or copying any electronic eavesdrop, wiretap, or
25 any other interception of defendant's wire or oral communications as defined by 18 U.S.C.
26 § 2510, et seq., the authorization for and information gathered from a tracking device, GPS
27 locator, pen register, trap and trace, or any other video or audio recording used during the
28 course of the investigation of the case;

3. Make available for inspection or copying any search warrants and supporting affidavits which were issued or utilized during the investigation and/or course of the case;

4. Inform defendant whether any physical evidence intended to be used by the government in the case was seized by the government pursuant to any exception to the warrant requirement;

5. Make available for inspection or copying all photographs used in any photograph lineup, show up, or photo spread, and identify any other identification technique and the results thereof; and

6. Advise defendant of evidence that is favorable to defendant and material to defendant's guilt or punishment pursuant to Brady, 373 U.S. 83, 83 S.Ct. 1194, and Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150, 92 S.Ct. 763 (1972).

C. Government's Supplemental Disclosure.

No later than the date set forth below, the government shall provide defendant:

1. The information required by United States v. Henthorn, 931 F.2d 29, 31 (9th Cir. 1991) (holding that "the government has a duty to examine [the] personnel files" of testifying law enforcement officers and disclose any material information found therein);

2. All evidence of other crimes, wrongs, or acts which the government intends to offer under Fed. R. Evid. 404(b), in sufficient detail that the court may rule on the admissibility of the proffered evidence if challenged; and

3. A list of convictions the government intends to offer under Fed. R. Evid. 609, so that the court may rule on their admissibility if challenged.

D. Defendant's Disclosure.

No later than the date set forth below, defendant shall make available for inspection or copying all materials set forth in Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(b) within defendant's possession, custody, or control that defendant intends to use in defendant's case-in-chief.

E. Continuing Duty to Disclose.

If at any time either party identifies or obtains additional evidence not previously disclosed that is subject to discovery or inspection under this Order, Fed. R. Crim. P. 16, or any other

1 governing law, that party shall **forthwith** disclose it to the other party.

2 F. Discovery Cutoff.

3 The discovery deadlines established in this Order are firm. If either party fails to comply
4 with the discovery deadlines set by this Order, the court will impose sanctions in accordance with
5 Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d)(2) and/or 28 U.S.C. § 1927. The parties should not assume that a
6 continuance of the pretrial conference and/or trial date means that the discovery deadlines have
7 been continued. Absent a request supported by good cause, the court will not continue any of the
8 discovery deadlines. The discovery cutoff does not affect the government's continuing duty to
9 disclose; that is, the government must continue to promptly disclose any relevant, discoverable
10 evidence to which defendant is entitled even if the evidence is first identified or obtained after the
11 discovery cutoff.

12 Unless the evidence is favorable to the defendant, **the government will not be permitted**
13 **to introduce any evidence at trial that is produced subsequent to the discovery cutoff,**
14 unless the attorney for the government provides a declaration, under penalty of perjury, that
15 explains: (1) when the evidence was first identified or obtained; (2) why such evidence was not
16 available before the discovery cutoff; and (3) whether the newly acquired evidence supplements
17 discovery previously identified and produced to defendant before the discovery cutoff.

18 G. Motions to Compel.

19 If either party fails to comply with their discovery obligations, or if either party requests
20 discovery or inspection beyond that provided for by this Order, the parties shall meet and confer
21 in person or by telephone with a view toward resolving the dispute informally without involving the
22 court. All motions to compel shall include a certification stating:

- 23 1. That counsel have met and conferred in person or by telephone to discuss the
24 subject matter of the motion, and have been unable to reach agreement;
25 2. The date and time when the meet-and-confer took place; and
26 3. The names of the attorneys and parties who were in attendance.

27 Any motion to compel, which must be filed by the deadline set forth below, that does not include
28 the required certification may be summarily denied.

III. PRETRIAL DOCUMENTS.

A. Pretrial Motions.

All pretrial motions, including motions to suppress and motions in limine, must be filed no later than the date set forth below. For each pretrial motion, the opposing party is required to file a response brief in opposition or a notice of non-opposition no later than the date set forth below. If the opposing party files a response brief in opposition to the motion, the moving party shall file a reply brief no later than the date set forth below.

Any challenge to expert testimony pursuant to Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., 509 U.S. 579, 113 S.Ct. 2786 (1993), or Federal Rules of Evidence 702-704, must be filed in the form of a motion in limine.

B. Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation.

The parties shall meet and confer in person or by telephone to discuss the admissibility of the government's trial exhibits. No later than the date set forth below, the parties shall submit a Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation containing the government's numbered list of trial exhibits, with defense objections, if any, to each exhibit, including the basis of the objection and the government's brief response. Each objection must include the grounds for the objection (e.g., a Federal Rule of Evidence) and an explanation as to why the disputed exhibit is not admissible. **Do not submit** blanket or boilerplate objections. These will be disregarded and overruled. All exhibits to which there is no objection shall be deemed admitted.

The parties shall stipulate to the authenticity and foundation of exhibits whenever possible. The Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation shall identify any exhibits to which authenticity or foundation have not been stipulated and the specific reasons for the parties' failure to so stipulate.

The Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation must be substantially in the following form:

Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation

Exhibit No.	Description	Stipulation¹	Objection	Response to Objection

¹ This column shall indicate whether defendant objects to the exhibit, agrees to admission for its substance, or agrees to admission for identification purposes only.

C. Proposed Jury Instructions.

The parties shall meet and confer in person or by telephone to discuss the proposed jury instructions. The proposed jury instructions must be filed no later than the date set forth below, and must conform to the following requirements:

1. Selection and Modification of Proposed Instructions.

If the Ninth Circuit's Manual of Model Criminal Jury Instructions provides an applicable jury instruction, the parties should use the most recent version of that instruction. If there is no applicable Ninth Circuit model jury instruction, the parties should consult the current edition of O'Malley, et al., Federal Jury Practice and Instructions ("O'Malley"). If neither the Ninth Circuit nor O'Malley provides an applicable jury instruction, the parties should consult the model jury instructions published by other Circuit Courts of Appeal.

The parties shall modify the instructions to fit the facts of the case, i.e., where language appears in brackets in the model instruction, the parties shall select and insert appropriate text. **The parties shall not, however, modify or supplement an instruction's statement of applicable law** unless absolutely necessary and strongly supported by controlling case law or other persuasive authority. Each requested instruction must also: (a) cite the authority or source of the instruction; (b) be set forth in full; (c) be on a separate page; (d) be numbered; (e) cover only one subject or principle of law; and (f) not repeat principles of law contained in any other requested instruction.

2. Joint Proposed Jury Instructions.

The parties shall file a set of joint proposed jury instructions on which both parties agree. The court expects the parties to agree on the substantial majority of jury instructions, particularly when the model instructions provide a statement of applicable law.

3. Disputed Proposed Jury Instructions.

The parties shall separately file a set of disputed proposed jury instructions containing all instructions proposed by one party to which another party objects. On a separate page following each disputed instruction, the party opposing the instruction shall briefly state: (a) the basis for the objection; (b) any authority in support thereof; and (c) if applicable, an alternative instruction.

On the following page, the party proposing the disputed instruction shall briefly state: (a) its response to the objection; and (b) any authority in support of the instruction.

4. Index.

For both the Joint and Disputed Proposed Jury Instructions, the parties must provide an index including the following: (a) the number of the instruction; (b) the title of the instruction; (c) the source of the instruction and any relevant case citations; and (d) the page number of the instruction. The index must be substantially in the following form:

Index of [Joint/Disputed] Jury Instructions

Number	Title	Source	Page Number
1	Presumption of Innocence	Ninth Circuit Model Criminal Jury Instruction No. 3.2 (2010 ed.)	5

D. Proposed Verdict Form.

The parties shall meet and confer in person or by telephone to discuss the Proposed Verdict Forms. No later than the date set forth below, the parties shall file a Joint Proposed Verdict Form on which both parties agree. If the parties are unable to reach agreement, each party shall file its own Proposed Verdict Form along with a brief explanation, not to exceed one page, addressing the dispute.

E. Joint Statement of the Case.

No later than the date set forth below, the parties shall jointly file an objective, non-argumentative statement of the case, which the court will read to all prospective jurors at the beginning of voir dire. The statement should not exceed one page.

F. Voir Dire.

The court will conduct voir dire. Each party may, but need not, file its own set of Proposed Voir Dire Questions no later than the date set forth below.

G. Government's Trial Memorandum.

No later than the date set forth below, the government shall file a Trial Memorandum addressing, at minimum: (1) a factual summary of the government's case, including any stipulations between the parties; (2) a statement of the charged offenses and the elements of each

1 charge; (3) an estimate of the length of the government's case-in-chief, including anticipated
2 cross-examination; (4) the names of witnesses the government intends to call; (5) a discussion
3 of relevant legal and evidentiary issues as applied to the facts of the case; and (6) the current
4 status of the case, including any pending motions or other issues to be resolved before trial.

5 IV. TRIAL REQUIREMENTS.

6 A. Government's Documents and Exhibits.

7 On the morning of the first day of trial, the government shall provide the following
8 documents to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk ("CRD"): (1) three copies of the government's witness
9 list, in the order in which the witnesses are expected to testify; (2) three copies of the Pretrial
10 Exhibit Stipulation; and (3) three identical three-ring binders containing all exhibits to be admitted
11 (not including those to be used for impeachment purposes only), with tabs and official exhibit tags
12 bearing the same number as shown on the Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation.

13 B. Defendant's Documents and Exhibits.

14 On the morning of the first day of trial, defendant shall provide the CRD with: (1) three
15 copies of the defense witness list; (2) three copies of the defense exhibit list; and (3) in trials where
16 defendant expects to admit 20 exhibits or more, two identical three-ring binders (one for the court
17 and one for the witnesses) containing all exhibits to be admitted, with tabs and official exhibit tags.
18 If defendant expects to admit fewer than 20 exhibits, the court prefers that defendant deliver one
19 copy of each exhibit to the CRD on the first day of trial, but defendant is not required to do so if
20 the exhibit has not been previously provided to the government, in which case defendant shall
21 provide a copy of each exhibit to the CRD upon its admission during trial.

22 V. OTHER MATTERS.

23 A. Mandatory Chambers Copies.

24 The parties must submit paper chambers copies of all documents filed in the case. The
25 parties shall deliver chambers copies to the Clerk's Office, 4th Floor by 12:00 p.m. on the day after
26 filing. The court will not rule on stipulations or ex parte applications until chambers copies have
27 been received.
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1 B. Under Seal Documents.

2 The parties shall comply with the Local Criminal Rules, the instructions posted on the
3 court's website at the "Judges' Procedures and Schedules" link, and the PDF attachment entitled
4 "FMO CR Under Seal Procedures.pdf" on the court's website with respect to all filings under seal.

5 C. Trial Continuances.

6 The government and the court share responsibility for enforcement of the Speedy Trial Act,
7 18 U.S.C. § 3161, et seq. See United States v. Perez-Reveles, 715 F.2d 1348, 1353 (9th Cir.
8 1983) ("[T]he monitoring of the limitations period is not the exclusive burden of the district judge.
9 The Government shares the responsibility for speedy trial enforcement."). The court expects the
10 government to monitor the "speedy trial clock" and ensure that any continuance sought by either
11 party does not violate the limitations period set forth by the Speedy Trial Act.

12 If either party seeks a continuance, that party shall file a motion or stipulation for a
13 continuance setting forth, at minimum: (1) a detailed explanation of the grounds for continuance;
14 (2) the range of dates to be excluded from the Speedy Trial Act's time limitations; and (3) the
15 statutory basis for exclusion under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h). If defendant seeks, or consents to, a
16 continuance, the motion or stipulation must contain: (1) a statement that defendant understands
17 and waives the right to a speedy trial established by 18 U.S.C. § 3161; and (2) the signatures of
18 defendant and defense counsel.

19 D. Bail Review and Modification.

20 If defendant seeks a bail review due to changed circumstances or information not
21 previously presented to the Magistrate Judge, defendant must first present the request for bail
22 review to the Magistrate Judge, and must serve the request on the government and Pretrial
23 Services.

24 Any request by defendant for a modification of release conditions, e.g., to permit travel,
25 must be presented to the Magistrate Judge who set the release conditions for which modification
26 is sought. If the undersigned set the release conditions, then any request for a modification of
27 conditions must: (1) be supported by a showing of good cause; (2) be made only after
28 consultation with both Pretrial Services and the government; (3) contain a statement of the

1 positions of both Pretrial Services and the government; and (4) be served on both Pretrial Services
2 and the government.

3 VI. COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ORDER AND APPLICABLE RULES.

4 All parties are required to be familiar with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the
5 Federal Rules of Evidence, the Local Rules of the Central District of California, and the court's
6 standing orders. Failure by any party or attorney to comply with the requirements of this Order
7 or any applicable rule may result in the imposition of sanctions.

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CASE DEADLINES²

1. No later than **14 calendar days** after the issuance of this Order, the government shall produce its initial disclosure to defendant.

2. The discovery cutoff date shall be **August 30, 2024**. Both sides shall produce all remaining discovery relating to evidence each side intends to use at trial during its case-in-chief. In addition, the government shall produce its supplemental disclosures no later than the discovery cutoff. Unless the evidence is favorable to defendant, the government will not be permitted to introduce any evidence at trial that is produced subsequent to the discovery cutoff, unless the attorney for the government provides a declaration, under penalty of perjury, that explains: (1) when the evidence was first identified or obtained; (2) why such evidence was not available before the discovery cutoff; and (3) whether the newly acquired evidence supplements discovery previously identified and produced to defendant before the discovery cutoff.

The government shall disclose all experts in compliance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(G) no later than **14 calendar days** before the discovery cutoff. Defendant shall disclose his or her expert no later than the discovery cutoff. All discovery motions, including those challenging the sufficiency of the government's expert disclosures, shall be filed no later than the **discovery cutoff**, and noticed for hearing at the pretrial conference. Oppositions, if any, to any discovery motion shall be filed no later than **seven calendar days** after the filing of the discovery motion. All reply briefs, if any, shall be filed **five calendar days** after the filing of the opposition.

3. No later than **14 calendar days** before the pretrial conference, the parties shall file: (A) all pretrial motions, including motions to suppress, and motions in limine; (B) the Joint Proposed Jury Instructions; (C) if necessary, the Disputed Proposed Jury Instructions; and (D) the Proposed Verdict Forms.

² With the exception of the discovery deadlines, all the deadlines set forth in this Order shall be deemed continued upon the court granting a continuance of the pretrial conference and/or trial dates.

1 The parties shall also submit copies of all jury instructions and verdict forms via e-mail to
2 the court's chambers e-mail address (fmo_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov) in WordPerfect (the
3 court's preference) or Word format.

4 4. No later than **14 calendar days** before the pretrial conference, the government shall
5 file its Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation.

6 5. No later than **7 calendar days** before the pretrial conference, the parties shall file: (A)
7 response briefs in opposition to pretrial motions; (B) the Joint Statement of the Case; and (C) the
8 Proposed Voir Dire Questions.

9 The parties shall also submit copies of the statement of the case and voir dire questions
10 via e-mail to the court's chambers e-mail address (fmo_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov) in
11 WordPerfect (the court's preference) or Word format.

12 6. No later than **7 calendar days** before the pretrial conference, the government shall file
13 its Trial Memorandum and lead counsel for the government shall file, under penalty of perjury, a
14 declaration pursuant to Rule 5(f) that: (1) states whether the government has produced all
15 evidence that is relevant to defendant's guilt or punishment; (2) states whether the government
16 has produced all evidence that is favorable to defendant on the issue of guilt or punishment; (3)
17 describes in detail the efforts made by the government to obtain and produce the required Rule
18 5(f) and Brady information; and (4) states whether there is any evidence the government has not
19 produced and the legal basis for withholding such evidence.

20 7. No later than **3 calendar days** before the pretrial conference, the parties shall file reply
21 briefs in support of pretrial motions.

22 8. A pretrial conference is scheduled for **September 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** Unless
23 otherwise ordered, hearings on all pending pretrial motions will be held at the same time as the
24 pretrial conference.

1 9. The trial is scheduled to begin on **October 1, 2024**, at **9:00 a.m.** On the first day of trial,
2 counsel must appear at 8:30 a.m. to discuss preliminary matters with the court.

3 Dated this 13th day of August, 2024.

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5 /s/

6 Fernando M. Olguin
7 United States District Judge
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